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Where Free-Trade Must Lead.

There is an aspect of the present demand for Free Trade which seems to have been too generally overlooked by those voters inclined to limit their voices and talents to its promotion. This is the studied, persistent effort to preclude the public mind against the very idea of Protection. Not only is the policy, as commonly understood, subjected to misrepresentation, but the word itself is held up to derision. Protection is frequently used as synonymous with extortion, and in many instances Protective legislation is denounced as robbery. The result of this must be that when if ever, Protection is introduced, it will next attack some other of the several forms of Protection.

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